

United States Court of
Appeals for the Seventh
Circuit

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**JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT - OFFICE OF STAFF LAW CLERKS
POSITIONS AVAILABLE – FALL 2011**

The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit will accept applications **beginning September 7, 2010** for the position of staff law clerk for a two-year term starting in August 2011.

Staff law clerkships combine the intellectual rigor of a chambers clerkship with the benefits of working closely with all the judges of the Seventh Circuit, one of the most highly respected appeals courts in the country, on all phases of appellate litigation. Like traditional chambers clerks, the staff law clerks at the Seventh Circuit perform legal research, prepare bench memoranda, and draft merits disposition on a broad spectrum of cases subject to oral argument at the Court, including some of the most controversial.

In addition to receiving the type of work typical of chambers clerkships, staff law clerks also enjoy other work benefits not available to chambers clerks. They work with all of the judges of the Court, rather than just with a single judge. Each week they attend private conferences at which three-judge panels deliberate and resolve cases that are not subject to oral argument. Finally, the Office of Staff Law Clerks is responsible for assisting the judges in resolving substantive motions that address complex questions of civil procedure or seek preliminary or emergency relief.

The work environment is highly collegial. The Office hires recent law school graduates from the nation's top law schools and together they work collaboratively with more experienced supervisory attorneys. Staff law clerks learn a wide variety of substantive and practical lawyering and writing skills through their work with the judges and staff.

Applicants must have excellent academic credentials and possess superior analytical, research, and writing skills. Law review or moot court experience is preferred. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript or grade sheet, two self-edited writing samples containing fact and case analysis, and two letters of recommendation through OSCAR (the Online System for Clerkship Application and Review) at

https://oscar.uscourts.gov/index.php?_to=1. Application materials will be accepted only through OSCAR.

For additional information, please see the Frequently Asked Questions at [http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/HR/Staff Attys/SA_faqs.htm](http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/HR/Staff_Attys/SA_faqs.htm). No phone calls, please.

The Court of Appeals is committed to equal opportunity for all applicants.